**Career Research Assignment Guide**

What do you want to be when you grow up? Do you have any idea? What is the job market like? How much will you make? What education is necessary? This project is designed to give you an opportunity to explore all of these questions.

You will research a career of your choice, exploring what the educational requirements are, what the job market is like, what the income potential is, and much more. You will use a variety of sources, take notes on your findings, prepare a list of sources, and present your findings to the class.

**Objectives:**

1. Given prior instruction, access to research materials, and a completed career survey, the learner, independently, will conduct the necessary pre- research to narrow the topic with at least 95% accuracy.
2. Given prior instruction, approved research topic, and access to research materials, the learner, independently will conduct research and produce an works cited page with at least 95% accuracy.
3. Given prior instruction and completed research, the learner, independently, will produce a written presentation plan that identifies with at least 95% accuracy.
4. Given prior instruction, completed research, and approved presentation plan, the learner, independently, will prepare and present an oral and multimedia presentation with at least 95% accuracy.

**Required Areas of Research:**

You must provide information in all of the following areas as it pertains to your chosen career.

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| 1. Education Needed 2. Top colleges 3. Job Market 4. Income potential 5. Overall Description 6. Top Employers 7. Interesting Facts/Information | 1. Conclusion: *Based on what you have learned about your career of interest, are you still interested in this career why or why not?* 2. Reflection: *What did you find to be most challenging about the research process? Why? The challenging? Why?* |

**Project Requirements:** This is an overview of the parts to the project and their point values. Specific directions for each part will be distributed separately.

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| **Requirement** | **Point Value** |
| 1. Topic Selection 2. Research Outline & Works Cited 3. Paper with in-text citations | 20 pts  100 pts  100 pts |

**Project Timeline:**  Below is the list of deadlines for all components of the project. There will be **NO late assignments accepted** for any of the components. If you have an individual situation, you **MUST** speak with me **PRIOR** to the deadline.

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| **Activity/Component Due** | **A Day** | **B Day** |
| 1. Research Day 1-Library | 2/16 | 2/17 |
| 1. Research Day 2-Library | 2/21 | 2/22 |
| 1. Research Day 3-In Class (Outline Format) | 2/23 | 2/24 |
| 1. **Outline & Works Cited Due-SharePoint** | **2/27** | **2/28** |
| 1. Paper Guidelines/Writing Day 1-In Class | 2/27 | 2/28 |
| 1. Writing Day 2-In class | 2/29 | 3/1 |
| 1. **Final Paper Due-SharePoint** | **3/5** | **3/5** |

**Component Requirements:**

1. **Research**
   1. Minimum of 4 Sources-at least one print source
   2. Outline (According to MLA format-to be reviewed in class)
   3. Works Cited Page
2. **Final paper must strictly adhere to MLA format requirements:**
3. Typed
4. Double spaced
5. Size 12 font
6. Block font style only (no scripts or italics)
7. Cover Page
8. Header w/last name & page number
9. Body
   1. Heading on 1st page
   2. Title centered on 1st page
   3. In-text citations
   4. 1 short direct quote
   5. 1 long direct quote
   6. Headings (optional)
10. Works Cited Page

**Grading: Research, Works Cited Pages, and Final Paper will be graded according to   
 rubrics posted on Weebly.**

**Submission: All components must be submitted via SharePoint (No Exceptions).** Time will   
 be provided in class to upload documents to SharePoint. Additionally, students   
 will be able to obtain library passes to use during their study blocks.